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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mario STIGLER et al.

Appln. No.: 10/801,677

Group Art Unit: 2833

Filed: March 17, 2004

Examiner: J. Harvey

For: FASTENER DEVICE FOR ELONGATED, FLAT OBJECTS, IN
PARTICULAR FLAT CONDUCTOR STRIPS

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, and to the requirement for Election of Species therein, Applicants elect Species I (Figures 1-3 and 9-15) with traverse, as to the designation of Species V (Figure 16) as a separate Species.

Figure 16 shows Species I (Fig. 1) in which a third holder 305 has not yet been inserted. See, Applicants' specification, page 18, first and second complete paragraphs. Fig. 16 is not a species separate from Species I.

Claims 1-14, 16, and 23-33 are readable on the elected Species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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